

Senator Joe Manchin

First Year – By the Numbers

Senator Joe Manchin's first year in office has been marked by extensive outreach to West Virginians to hear their commonsense ideas, priorities and concerns. As a result of his many conversations with West Virginians, Senator Manchin has proposed or cosponsored numerous commonsense pieces of legislation to address problems both in West Virginia and our nation. Senator Manchin firmly believes in a philosophy of "retail government" that has guided his entire career in public service and continues to be a hallmark of his tenure in Washington.

Below, please find detailed statistics of the Senator's work over the last year.

RETAIL GOVERNMENT: MEETING WITH WEST VIRGINIANS

- **Statewide Tours Conducted: 5**
 - January 2011 – Call for Commonsense
 - March 2011 – Our Values, Our Priorities
 - April 2011 – Commonsense Solutions
 - August 2011 – Time to Rebuild America
 - October 2011 – Commonsense Ideas for a Stronger America
- **Counties Visited: 45**
- **Miles Traveled: more than 18,000**
- **Town Halls: 5**
- **Courthouse Visits: 24**
- **Coffee and Common Sense events with constituents: 14**
- **Roundtables: 22**
- **Major Speaking Engagements: 36**
- **Casework:** Senator Manchin's office has addressed nearly 3,500 cases involving personal issues that include problems with Social Security, Veterans Affairs, black lung benefits and Medicare.
- **Mail:** Senator Manchin has sent nearly 79,000 pieces of mail responding to constituents since taking office.
- **Statewide Staff Outreach: 3**
 - Commonsense Connections (staff-led constituent outreach meetings during which staff are available to listen to residents in all 55 counties) – February, May and October 2011
- **Agency Outreach meetings: 19**
 - Post Office closures – April 2011 (4 sessions)
 - Keeping Our Promises to Our Veterans – June 2011 (8 sessions)
 - Building Your Business, Building our Future – July 2011 (3 sessions)
 - Caring for your Aging Loved Ones – October 2011 (4 sessions)

COMMONSENSE AGENDA: WORK IN WASHINGTON

- **Measures sponsored or co-sponsored:** 94, with select highlights below
 - EPA Fair Play Act
 - Small Business Paperwork Mandate Elimination Act (1099 repeal)
 - Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny (REINS) Act
 - Pill Mill Crackdown Act
 - Jobs Score Act
 - Fair Compliance Act
 - Rebuild America Jobs Act
- **Meetings with Senators:** 99
 - 52 Democrats
 - 47 Republicans
- **Bipartisan Lunches hosted with Sen. Mark Kirk (R-ILL.):** 14
- **Time Presiding on Senate Floor:** 44 hours 37 minutes
- **Floor Speeches:** 22 total, with select highlights below
 - Maiden speech (Feb. 3)
 - The Need to Lead (Mar. 8)
 - UBB Anniversary speech (Apr. 5)
 - No Budget, No Pay (Apr. 8)
 - Ending High Gas Prices – a Plan Energy Independence (May 11)
 - Rebuild America, not Afghanistan (June 21)
 - Washington May Be Broken, But It Will Not Break Me (July 28)
 - Creating Jobs, Investing in American Infrastructure (Nov. 3)
- **Votes:** 242
 - Senator Manchin has a 96.8 percent voting record.
- **Major Speaking Engagements:** 33
- **Meetings with Ambassadors:** 12
 - Afghanistan, Australia, Canada, France, Israel, Japan, Jordan, Pakistan, South Korea, Taiwan, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom

CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TRIP: Afghanistan, Pakistan and other countries

- **Duration:** 9 days
- **Miles Traveled:** more than 17,000
- **Countries Visited:** 6
- **Meetings with Heads of State, Prime Ministers and Cabinet Members:** 10